

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. *(Currently Amended)* A method for determining a dynamic fee system usable in a ~~method~~ for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system wherein a user of the system hires a vehicle for use at a departure port and returns the vehicle at a destination port, and wherein each port has a means to display current fees to users, the method comprising the steps of:
  - a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
  - b) determining a base fee for the use of a vehicle when the departure port is at optimum inventory; and
  - c) displaying a fee below the base fee when the number of vehicles at the departure port is above the optimum inventory.
2. *(Currently Amended)* A method for determining a dynamic fee system usable in a ~~method~~ for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system wherein a user of the system hires a vehicle for use at a departure port and returns the vehicle at a destination port, and wherein each port has a means to display current fees to users, the method comprising the steps of:
  - a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
  - b) determining a base fee for the use of a vehicle when the departure port is at optimum inventory; and
  - c) displaying a fee above the base fee when the number of vehicles at a departure port is below the optimum inventory.
3. *(Currently Amended)* A method for determining a dynamic fee system usable in a ~~method~~ for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system wherein a user of the system hires a vehicle for use at a departure port and returns the vehicle at a destination port, and wherein each port has a means to display current fees to users, the method comprising the steps of:
  - a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
  - b) determining a base fee for the use of a vehicle when the destination port is at optimum inventory; and

c) displaying a fee above the base fee when the number of vehicles at a destination port is above the optimum inventory.

4. *(Currently Amended)* A method for determining a dynamic fee system ~~usable in a method~~ for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system wherein a user of the system hires a vehicle for use at a departure port and returns the vehicle at a destination port, and wherein each port has a means to display current fees to users, the method comprising the steps of:

a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;  
b) determining a base fee for the use of a vehicle when the destination port is at optimum inventory; and

c) displaying a fee below the base fee when the number of vehicles at a destination port is below the optimum inventory.

5. *(Currently Amended)* A method for determining a dynamic fee system ~~usable in a method~~ for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system wherein a user of the system hires a vehicle for use at a departure port and returns the vehicle at a destination port, and wherein each port has a means to display current fees to users, the method comprising the steps of:

a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;  
b) determining a base fee for the use of a vehicle when the departure port is at optimum inventory; and

c) displaying the base fee when the number of vehicles at the departure port is at optimum inventory.

6. *(Currently Amended)* A method for determining a dynamic fee system ~~usable in a method~~ for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system wherein a user of the system hires a vehicle for use at a departure port and returns the vehicle at a destination port, and wherein each port has a means to display current fees to users, the method comprising the steps of:

a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;  
b) determining a base fee for the use of a vehicle when the destination port is at optimum inventory; and

c) displaying the base fee when the number of vehicles at a destination port is at optimum inventory.

7. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 1 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:
- determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
  - determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 1; and
  - displaying a fee above the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a destination port is above the optimum inventory.
8. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 1 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:
- determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
  - determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 1; and
  - displaying a fee below the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a destination port is below the optimum inventory.
9. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 1 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:
- determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
  - determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 1; and
  - displaying the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a destination port is at optimum inventory.
10. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 2 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:
- determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
  - determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 2; and
  - displaying a fee above the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a destination port is above the optimum inventory.

11. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 2 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:
- determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
  - determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 2; and
  - displaying a fee below the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a destination port is below the optimum inventory.
12. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 2 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:
- determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
  - determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 2; and
  - displaying the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a destination port is at optimum inventory.
13. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 3 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:
- determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
  - determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 3; and
  - displaying a fee below the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a departure port is above the optimum inventory.
14. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 3 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:
- determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
  - determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 3; and
  - displaying a fee above the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a departure port is below the optimum inventory.

15. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in~~ a method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 3 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 3; and
- c) displaying the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a departure port is at optimum inventory.

16. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in~~ a method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 4 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 4; and
- c) displaying a fee below the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a departure port is above the optimum inventory.

17. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in~~ a method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 4 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 4; and
- c) displaying a fee above the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a departure port is below the optimum inventory.

18. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in~~ a method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 4 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 4; and
- c) displaying the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a departure port is at optimum inventory.

19. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee system ~~usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 5 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 5; and
- c) displaying a fee above the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a destination port is above the optimum inventory.

20. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee system ~~usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 5 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 5; and
- c) displaying a fee below the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a destination port is below the optimum inventory.

21. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee system ~~usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 5 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each destination port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 5; and
- c) displaying the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a destination port is at optimum inventory.

22. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee system ~~usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 6 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 6; and
- c) displaying a fee below the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a departure port is above the optimum inventory.

23. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 6 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 6; and
- c) displaying a fee above the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a departure port is below the optimum inventory.

24. *(Currently Amended)* The dynamic fee ~~system usable in a~~ method for the efficient utilization of a vehicle sharing system according to claim 6 wherein the method of determining the fee further comprises:

- a) determining the optimum vehicle inventory at each departure port;
- b) determining the fee for the use of a vehicle in claim 6; and
- c) displaying the fee derived in step b) when the number of vehicles at a departure port is at optimum inventory.